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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady beginning the week. Demand was light to mostly moderate, at times fairly good where limited features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light demand. Light type hens were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to usually moderate, best for features. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light and selective for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks closely balanced to ample. Schedules full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-74	65-71	LARGE	47-55	50
LARGE	63-73	64-67	MEDIUM	16-21	19
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	4-6	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were generally sufficient for processing schedules that were reported as usually normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good in areas with feature activity. Loose egg sales were usually moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light and selective for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks closely balanced to ample. Schedules full-time to at times reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-79	73-76
LARGE	64-77	71-74
MEDIUM	37.5-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices entered the week unchanged on medium and larger sizes. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to fairly good, best where limited feature activity was a factor. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices for the week are unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, better where featured. Supplies are adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-79	73-75
LARGE	70-75	71-74
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings in fair balance. Small benchmark price 55. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	116
EXTRA LARGE	114
LARGE	107
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269		
EXTRA LARGE	219-289		
LARGE	199-239		
MEDIUM	189-205		
		NOT AVAILABLE	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 10, 2004 will increase by 17 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 03, 2004 were 210,636 cases which was 35 percent below the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	177,181	33,455	210,636
% change from the prior week.....	-38	-6	-35

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light and selective with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to ample. Schedules full-time to instances reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-29	27-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules was mixed but mostly normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	12.01
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15	10.5-11.5	11.14

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 06, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.4	16.1	11.6	15.2	65.3
	Change	0.1	0.6	3.9	1.4	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	55.6	19.6	32.7	169.1
	Change	0.0	6.0	9.7	9.5	19%
Large	Curr Wk	61.2	151.5	90.6	159.2	576.2
	Change	-1.1	20.0	29.8	49.6	23%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	59.3	16.1	21.3	143.5
	Change	-1.1	-7.7	0.8	-1.8	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	13.1	0.5	3.5	28.7
	Change	0.0	-33.2	-0.1	-3.4	-55%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	34.2	9.3	14.8	70.3
	Change	-0.6	1.3	-2.4	-1.0	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.2	54.8	18.2	38.1	168.1
	Change	7.5	-1.9	1.7	-2.1	2%
Total	Curr Wk	148.3	384.6	165.9	284.8	1,221.2
Percent	Change	3%	-4%	35%	22%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,221.2	8%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.3	-2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,455.5	6%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2004 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 03, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 17.00								FUTURE LOADS 2.00		TOTAL LOADS 19.00							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	51.00	—	51.00	52.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	66.00	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	3.00	
GL W XL	—	—	63.50	67.00	60.33	—	5.00										
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	53.00	—	5.00										
GL W SM	—	—	25.00	29.00	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.00	32.00	4.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	20.00	22.00	1.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/29/04-12/03/04

CURRENT LOADS 102.25								FUTURE LOADS 81.25		TOTAL LOADS 183.50							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W XL	—	—	50.50	52.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	56.30	—	—	—	67.50	29.00		
GNR W 1	51.00	54.14	50.70	53.86	51.00	52.00	64.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	62.50	1.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	3.00	GL W J	60.00	63.00	—	63.00	—	64.75	6.00		
GL W J	—	—	73.50	74.50	50.00	72.00	8.00	GL W XL	—	66.57	—	—	—	69.00	14.25		
GL W XL	—	66.00	63.80	66.09	58.64	—	39.75	GL W LG	—	67.05	—	72.00	—	66.71	32.50		
GL W LG	—	66.00	60.50	62.00	58.22	—	42.50	GL W MD	—	33.27	33.00	—	—	36.78	8.50		
GL W MD	34.00	49.25	26.75	28.50	25.83	25.00	18.75	GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	24.25	1.00		
GL W SM	23.00	25.50	23.19	25.81	18.75	21.75	6.00	NRBS - 39	17.50	18.50	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GL BR SM	—	—	19.25	20.25	—	—	.50										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	28.40	32.00	9.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.50	28.00	30.00	30.11	12.50										
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.50	26.00	—	—	.25										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	20.00	22.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.50	20.00	—	—	.50										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/29/04	11/22/04	12/01/03
PACIFIC COAST	723	741	92
LOS ANGELES	709	724	51

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market entered the week unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are tight on heavier weights, adequate on lighter weights. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89.63
LARGE	87.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	42.00

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 11/29/2004

Report Period: 10/14/2004 - 11/20/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,967	1,967
Arkansas	0	0	1,350	1,350
California	0	0	720	720
Iowa	5,345	12,560	65,970	83,875
Michigan	0	0	724	724
Minnesota	5,428	1,140	4,712	11,280
Mississippi	0	0	912	912
Missouri	0	0	870	870
North Carolina	0	600	950	1,550
Ohio	0	810	5,177	5,987
Oregon	2,327	0	0	2,327
South Dakota	0	0	1,284	1,284
Utah	360	360	8,736	9,456
Wisconsin	0	810	0	810
TOTAL	13,460	16,280	93,372	123,112
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	13,460	16,280	93,372	123,112